



**Hermosa Beach City Manager's Office
City Council Meeting Recap
09.10.19**

A brief recap of important items discussed during the September 10, 2019 City Council meeting is provided below:

September 10, 2019 ([Meeting Agenda](#))

Memorial Service for Former Hermosa Beach Police Chief Greg Savelli – Mayor Armato announced that the memorial service for former Police Chief Greg Savelli, who led the Hermosa Beach Police Department from 2006 to 2012, will begin at noon on Sunday, October 6, 2019 at the Dominican Sister of San Rafael (1520 Grand Avenue, San Rafael, CA 94901). If planning to attend, you may e-mail [Ann Yang](#) in the City Manager's Office who will notify the family.

City Manager Updates

City Manager Suja Lowenthal provided updates on the following items:

- **Update on City Recruitments and New Hires** – the City recently hired the following staff:
 - Recreation Coordinator Adriana Chavez Ontiveros – Community Resources
 - Office Assistant Melinda Gonzalez – Community Development
 - GIS Analyst Alexandria Hildebrand – Public Works
 - Environmental Programs Manager Douglas Krauss – City Manager
 - Public Works Intern Mario Mazed
 - Assistant Engineer Andrew Nguyen – Public Works
 - Administrative Assistant Beverly Tuazon – Community Development

The following recruitments are in progress:

- City Clerk & Deputy City Manager – City has retained recruiting firm Alliance Resource Consulting; recruitments will begin later this month.
 - Deputy City Clerk – job description is being finalized for Civil Service Board approval.
 - Public Works Director – final interviews for two candidates to occur on the week of 9/23/19.
 - Administrative Assistant - Public Works – new Public Works Director to hire once onboard.
 - Assistant Engineer – Public Works – offer accepted; start date pends.
 - Public Works Inspector – eligible list to go to Civil Service Board on 9/18/19 for approval.
- **Coastal Conservancy Grant** – the City has been recommended for award of an approximate \$500,000 grant to renovate Parking Lot D (Manhattan Avenue/14th Street) with multi-benefit greening features and design lessons learned to be applied to Parking Lot A (Hermosa Avenue/11th Street). This grant was one of the final projects worked on by former Environmental Analyst Kristy Morris.

Ordinance to Extend the Temporary Ban on Shared Mobility Devices – Council adopted ordinance 19-1394 to extend the City's ban on dockless scooter and bike share programs for six months through April 10, 2020 or until the City adopts shared mobility operations guidelines in conjunction with neighboring cities.



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Public Hearing: Bijou Building (1221 Hermosa Avenue) Theatre Space Tenant Improvement –

Council continued this public hearing to September 24, 2019 or a later date to consider issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for a first floor tenant improvement and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption while a Historic Resource Report is finalized.

Public Hearing: Short-Term Vacation Rental Commercial Zone Pilot Program –

Council introduced an ordinance to allow and regulate short-term vacation rentals (STVRs) in Hermosa Beach via a two-year pilot program in existing non-conforming residential units located within commercial zones.



- STVR's will continue to be banned in residential areas; complaints should be reported to Code Enforcement—visit our [website](#) or submit via the City's [Go Hermosa App](#).
- Staff estimates there are 145 eligible non-conforming units at 50 properties less any condo / multi-family properties with CC&R's that privately restrict STVR's.
- STVR operators will be required to obtain a City Administrative permit (\$1,735 plus \$1,501 for annual renewal) and business license, file a management and operations plan, post contact info, respond to issues within 45 minutes, conform with parking, occupancy and other regulations, pay Transient Occupancy Tax, and be subject to City inspection for all units. Council also required online STVR listings to include a photo of the front of the building and URLs for online listings to be included on the permit application and kept updated with the City.
- Three or more ordinance violations in a 12-month period may result in permit / business license revocation.
- STVR pilot program may facilitate acceptance of the City's pending Local Coastal Program by the Coastal Commission, which could shift some future development project approvals for Hermosa Beach Coastal Zone properties from the Coastal Commission to the City.

Public Hearing: Request to Rezone 820 9th Street Property from General Commercial to Single-Family Residential – Council introduced an ordinance to approve Zone Change 18-1 to rezone 820 9th Street from General Commercial (C-3) to Single-Family Residential (R-1) and determined that the request is within the scope of the project considered in the PLAN Hermosa Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Public Hearing: Organic Waste Recycling Program for Businesses & Residents – Council adopted a resolution approving an organic waste recycling program to comply with State mandates (AB 1826 & SB 1383) and authorized the collection of additional fees for commercial and residential organic waste recycling services. Athens Services rates will increase by 2.41% for residential accounts with less than 5 units; and by 27.46% for commercial and multifamily accounts with 5 or more units. The new "green cart" program would divert food waste, green waste, landscape/pruning waste, non-hazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper



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waste from landfill to a composting facility in Victorville. After additional education and outreach efforts, new rates are anticipated to take effect on or about October 1, 2019.

8th Street Repaving Construction Contract Amendment – based on cost and current pavement condition compared to other streets, Council opted not to move forward with a first amendment to Gentry General Engineering's contract in the amount of \$199,512.18 to repave and restripe 8th Street from Valley Drive to Hermosa Avenue not in the initial scope of work to remove right-of-way obstructions and install new sidewalks and curb ramps (item failed via a 2-2 vote with Mayor Pro Tem Campbell recused). Staff will return with an Information Item indicating where 8th Street is prioritized for future repaving according to the City's Capital Improvement Program (street / sewer improvement projects) and August 2017 [Pavement Management Program](#).

Miscellaneous Items & Other Matters:

- **Civil Service Board Appointments** – Council appointed Lynda Castro and Robert Wolfe to the Civil Service Board for four-year terms through July 15, 2023.
- **Independent Cities Association (ICA) Membership** – Council approved rejoining ICA if a Councilmember can be appointed as a board delegate.
- Council opted not to reconsider the City's towing and storage services contract award to Bruffy's Tow on [August 27, 2019](#). City Manager Suja Lowenthal advised a proposal submitted by incumbent vendor Frank Scotto Towing was deemed non-responsive due to missing forms, insurance, response times and site cleanup information.
- Council opted not to alter language under [Hermosa Beach Municipal Code 12.20.220](#) for motorized and electric vehicle wheeled devices which currently restricts the presence of such devices on the Strand, Pier Plaza and beach when "...motorized- or electric-propelled power is in use."
- Mayor Pro Tem Campbell requested additional information on Access Hermosa's agenda in light of recent feedback from the Teen Choice Awards/Summer Series study session including ADA access issues to the beach, booths, movies; and condition and availability of mats.

Mayor Armato adjourned the meeting in memory of Woodrow Taylor Jr., who served with the City's Finance Cashier office as an Administrative Hearing Officer, who recently passed away on Friday, September 6, 2019.

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019.

Questions or comments? Contact the Assistant to the City Manager Nico De Anda-Scaia Monday through Thursday, 7AM – 6PM at (310) 318-0201 or via email at ndeanda@hermosabch.org



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